

## OPINION 1622

### *Heliastes ovalis* Steindachner, 1900 (currently *Chromis ovalis*; Osteichthyes, Perciformes): specific name conserved

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *ovalis* Steindachner, 1900, as published in the binomen *Heliastes ovalis*, is hereby ruled not to be invalid by reason of having been rejected before 1961 as a junior secondary homonym of *Chromis ovalis* Steindachner, 1866.

(2) The name *ovalis* Steindachner, 1900, as published in the binomen *Heliastes ovalis* (not invalid despite having been rejected before 1961 as a junior secondary homonym), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

#### History of Case 2681

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Chromis ovalis* (Steindachner, 1900) was received from Drs W.I. Follett (*California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, U.S.A.*) & John E. Randall (*Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu, U.S.A.*) on 29 August 1988. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 46: 35–37 (March 1989). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

The serial volume in which Steindachner's paper was published, which included the name *Heliastes ovalis* (p. 502), is dated 1901. However, the paper appeared earlier, in 1900, as a separate entity ('Besonders Abgedruckt'); it was there paginated both as a separate item and as for inclusion in the serial. *H. ovalis* appears on p. '20 [502]'.

The inclusion of pp. '316–318' in the Steindachner (1901) reference cited on p. 37 of the application should be omitted.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 46: 36. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1990 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 27: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

Schuster was on leave of absence.

#### Original reference

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*ovalis*, *Heliastes*, F. Steindachner, 1900, *Denkschriften der Mathematisch-naturwissenschaftlichen Classe der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften Wien*, 70 (for 1901), p. 502 (p. 20 in the separate issued in 1900).